

and (2) the responsible auditor or contracting officer shall coordinate with concerned agencies the establishment of indirect cost rates at such entities and shall convey the finally established rates to those agencies for application to their contracts to the extent allocable and allowable (see subpart 42.7).

(d) Subject to the fiscal regulations of the agencies concerned, agencies (1) may be reimbursed in accordance with the Economy Act of 1932 (31 U.S.C. 1535) for services rendered under formal or informal cross-servicing arrangements, (2) normally should refrain from seeking reimbursement for cross-servicing accomplished incidental to their own needs or Government-wide responsibilities, and (3) may use the hourly rate established under the cross-servicing arrangement between the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to facilitate reimbursement arrangements.

(e) Agencies are not expected to enter into cross-servicing arrangements that would unduly burden agency resources or otherwise obstruct an agency in fulfilling its responsibilities.

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#### **42.102 Procedures.**

(a) In locating available field contract administration or audit services, contracting offices shall consult the Department of Defense Directory of Contract Administration Services Components or the Directory of Federal Contract Audit Offices. Questions regarding contract administration offices may be referred to the Defense Logistics Agency, Attn: DLA-AO, Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA 22304-6100. Questions regarding audit offices may be referred to the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Attn: OTD, Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA 22304-6178. Agencies having a field contract administration or audit cross-servicing capability shall arrange for identification of this capability (including changes as they occur) in the appropriate directory by contacting one of these offices.

(b) Services may be obtained by direct request to the cognizant contract administration or audit component in-

dicated in the applicable directory or as specified in a formal cross-servicing arrangement (see 42.101(a)).

(c) Except for requests submitted under formal cross-servicing arrangements, requests for services from Government agencies may be declined on a case-by-case basis if resources are inadequate to accomplish delegated tasks, provided the decision is made by an official above the level of the contract administration office, or as otherwise provided in agency regulations.

(d) Contract administration and audit services will be performed using the procedures of the servicing agency unless formal agreements between agencies provide otherwise.

(e) Both the requesting and servicing activities are responsible for prudent use of the services provided under either formal or informal interagency cross-servicing arrangements. When it is appropriate, servicing activities shall counsel requesting agencies or contracting offices concerning the desirability and practicality of relaxing or waiving controls and surveillance that may not be necessary to ensure satisfactory contract performance.

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### **Subpart 42.2—Assignment of Contract Administration**

#### **42.200 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for (a) assigning, retaining, or reassigning contract administration responsibility, (b) withholding normal functions or delegating additional functions when assigning contracts for administration, and (c) requesting and performing supporting contract administration. Subpart 42.3 lists both the normal contract administration functions and those requiring specific authorization by the contracting office.

#### **42.201 Definition.**

*Supporting contract administration* means performance of specific contract administration functions by another contract administration office (CAO) as required by (a) the CAO to which a contract is assigned for administration